

CHAPTER 1
SECTION 15.2

CONTINUOUS EXOPHAGEAL pH MONITORING (CAEPHM)

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I. PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

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II. DESCRIPTION

A pH electrode (probe) positioned transnasally into the esophagus above the lower esophageal sphincter. The electrode transmits pH measurements to a portable data recorder. The monitoring can be performed on an inpatient or outpatient basis.

III. POLICY

Services and supplies related to Continuous Esophageal pH Monitoring for the purpose of diagnosing and monitoring the treatment for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease may be cost-shared.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

A. October 31, 1994, services and supplies related to CAEPHM in patients age 12 and over with:

1. Chronic heartburn;
2. Chronic hoarseness;
3. Persistent acid reflux refractory to therapy; or
4. Noncardiac substernal chest pain.

B. January 1, 1996, for CAEPHM without restrictions based on age.

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